AH...

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT!

QUIVER

WHAT...?

VEEN

SPCH

...WHAT COLOR YOU WILL GLOW WHEN YOU DIE?

SKF

I WONDER...

CHAPTER 25: BIRTH OF A MONSTER

I TREMBLE WITH EXCITE-MENT!

SPIN

SPIN

SO WHY IS HE SO CALM?

UMM... JACK'S THE ONE WHO'S IN TROUBLE NOW, RIGHT?

YOU SON OF A...

GRIP

...

FLIP

SWP

LONDON BRIDGE IS BROKEN DOWN...

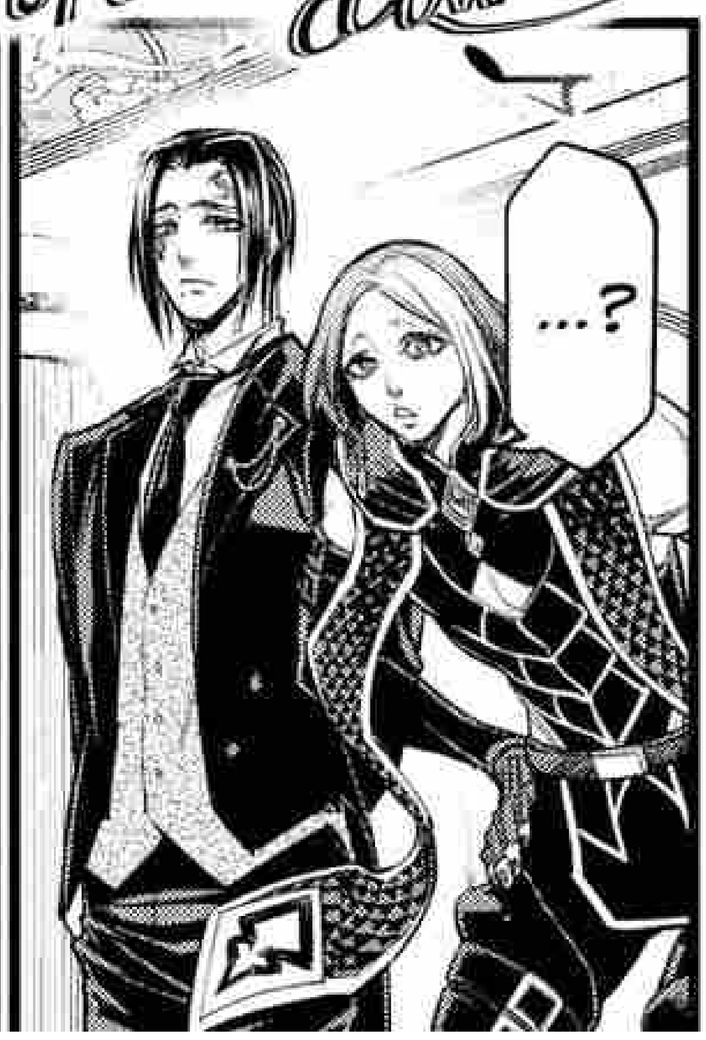
HRRM

...?

London Bridge is broken down
LONDON BRIDGE IS BROKEN DOWN...
BROKEN DOWN... BROKEN DOWN...
broken down
broken down

A MOTHER GOOSE RHYME?

A SONG?


...?

London Bridge is

LONDON BRIDGE IS...

...BROKEN DOWN.

broken down

BONNG

MY FAIR LADY...

BONNG

LONDON
THE END OF THE
19TH CENTURY

...BROKEN DOWN.

LONDON BRIDGE IS...

YOU CAN HAVE WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?

I'M GOING TO EAT THE WHOLE THING TOO!

YAY!

THEN I WANT A THICK SLICE OF ROAST BEEF!

OH, WHAT A GREEDY CHILD!

SHF SHF

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

...THERE WAS ANOTHER SIDE OF LONDON.

PAST THE DAZZLING LIGHTS OF THE METRO-POLITAN CITY...

BREAD! A BIG PIECE TOO!

TH

WAM

IMP

THIS BIN BELONGS TO MY RESTAURANT.

NOT YOU AGAIN!

WHIMP

I TOLD YOU THAT ALREADY, YOU DIRTY LITTLE RAT!

STOMP

I DON'T CARE IF IT'S LEFTOVERS OR SCRAPS... IF YOU WANT IT, YOU GOTTA PAY FOR IT!

STOMP

I WON'T EVER COME BACK! SO PLEASE...

PLEASE JUST LET ME GO THIS TIME!

KOFF KOFF

I-I'M SORRY!

PLEASE ...?

THE FUTURE
JACK THE RIPPER
AGE 12

THAT WAS HOW THIS BOY SURVIVED.

SCAVENGING THE BACK ALLEYS... STINKING OF FECES AND ROTTING FILTH... EATING THE LEFTOVERS OF DAY LABORERS...

VEN

...

DISGUST.

RAGE.

DIS-
DAIN.

CON-
TEMPT.

...

BWAAAAA

I BEG YOU!

SO, PLEASE ...

CLUTCH

I-I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN! I PROMISE!

...

H-HEY!

BUMP

HMPH

SUPERI-
ORITY...

THIS
COLOR...

NOW
GET
OUTTA
HERE!

AND
DON'T
EVER
COME
BACK!

ALL RIGHT.
JUST LET
GO OF ME.

HMM...

!

BUT AT SOME POINT...

GRIN

...THE BOY HAVING TO FIGHT TO SURVIVE IN THIS HARSH ENVIRON-MENT.

PERHAPS IT WAS A RESULT OF...

...HAD GAINED THE POWER TO SEE A PERSON'S EMOTIONS AS AN AURA OF COLOR.

...HIS RIGHT EYE...

Brothel

LONDON

IT WAS A GOOD HAUL TODAY.

MUM'LL BE PLEASED.

I PAID YOU MORE THAN YOU DESERVE!

KNOW YOUR PLACE, YOU OLD WHORE!

THIS ISN'T WHAT WE AGREED UPON.

IF YOU PLEASE, SIR...

UGH...

MUM...?

MARY
JACK'S MOTHER

MUM!

DID HE HIT YOU?

ARE YOU HURT?

...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE.

IT'S NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE.

PAT

OH NO...! YOU'RE HURT!

IT'S NOT THAT BAD. I'M OKAY.

!

OUCH!

IT COULD GET INFECTED!

RRIP

NO!

MUM...

THANK YOU.

WHAT HE LEFT ME SHOULD GET US SOME MEDICINE.

GOOD...

PAT

JACK...

YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE!

MUM...

SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

NO...

IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

YOU'RE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LADY IN LONDON...

...THE COLORS OF HIS MOTHER'S EMOTIONS.

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THE BOY LOVED SEEING...

PLIP

PLIP

PLIP

READIN' AGAIN?

JACK'S FAVORITE BOOK

UUNGH ...

WHEW

EDUCATION WON'T BE NO HELP FOR THE SON OF A WHORE.

GLUG

YOU AND YOUR BOOKS!

GLUG

ANNE...

DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH. IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU.

...

'ERE... LET'S FIND OUT JUST HOW BAD IT IS FOR ME.

SWIG

WUB

WUB

OH YEAH?

YOU READ THAT IN ONE O' YER BOOKS?

WHAT DO THEY LIKE ABOUT AN OLD GAL LIKE HER?

TSK.

YEAH.

F M P

YOUR MUM AT WORK?

...

I CLOSED UP SHOP EARLY.

I GUESS SOME MEN HAVE WEIRD TASTES.

...

...WHY SHE ONLY KEPT YOU.

BUT I NEVER DID KNOW...

IT AIN'T FAIR BEING BORN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS... YOU AND ME...

...HAD CONCEIVED CHILDREN FROM FIVE PATRONS...

THE BOY'S MOTHER...

HOW-EVER...

...AND ABORTED THEM ALL.

FOR SOME REASON SHE CHOSE...

...TO KEEP AND RAISE HER SIXTH.

YOU POOR CHILD!

MUSS MUSS

OH...

PHEW

GLUK

YOU DON'T THINK THIS PLACE IS THE ARSEHOLE OF THE WORLD?

WHY ?!

POOR CHILD? WHY?

...

William Shakespeare

Shakespeare's Sonnets

ANNE...

I'M...

...THE HAPPIEST KID IN THE WORLD.

AND THEN ONE DAY...

THAT WAS HIS ONLY SOURCE OF PRIDE AND PEACE.

CHOSEN TO LIVE... LOVED BY HIS MOTHER...

NOOOOOO!!!

?!

MUM'S GONNA LOVE THIS BIG PIECE OF CHEESE I FOUND TODAY.

KCHAK

MUM!

MUM ...?!

AAAAAAA

W-WHAT HAPPENED ...?

AAAAHH HHHHH

FWIP

A REGULAR SHE HAD FEELINGS FOR JUST GOT HITCHED.

WAIT ...

THIS IS THAT PLAY EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT.

...FOR A NEW PLAY.

IT WAS A FLYER...

JACK SMITH

KRSH

The London Post

PLAYWRIGHT ACHIEVES SUCCESS AND GLORY

LITTLE-KNOWN PLAYWRIGHT GAINS GREAT SUCCESS AND BEAUTIFUL NOBLEMAN'S DAUGHTER...

HE PROMISED... HE PROMISED...

HE PROMISED! HE PROMISED HE'D COME GET ME ONCE HE MADE IT AS A PLAYWRIGHT...

SHE STARTED CRYING WHEN SHE SAW THAT.

...SOME CUSTOMER MADE 13 YEARS AGO.

YOU'RE THE FOOL FOR BELIEVING IN A PROMISE...

SKCH SKCH

MARY, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO BELIEVE WHAT SOME PUNTER SAYS!

...

KTAK

WAAAH!

SOB

PLUP

HERE, MUM...

DRINK SOME WATER.

I'M HERE FOR YOU.

WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, MUM...

...

TWCH

DON'T TOUCH ME!

HFF

HFF

...

...

IT'S OKAY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

WE'LL BE OKAY, THE TWO OF US—

GRIN

AAAGH!

WHP

GOD DAMN IT ALL...

MUM ...!

SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

...SHOULD HAVE HAD YOU!

I NEVER...

...JUST LIKE I DID THE REST OF 'EM!

I SHOULD'VE RIPPED YOU FROM MY WOMB WITH A COAT HANGER...

...YOU MEAN NOTHING!

WITHOUT HIM...

WHAT ...?

...

...WANT ME...?

MUM, YOU DIDN'T...

THE BOY UNDERSTOOD IT ALL IN THAT MOMENT.

RIP

RIP

...LOOK AT THESE ANY-MORE!

I DON'T WANT TO...

FLIP

DAMN IT ALL!

FLING

GOD-DAMMIT!

TOSS

THE LOVE HE'D SEEN IN HIS MOTHER'S AURA...

RIP

WH

AK

...HAD NEVER BEEN DIRECTED AT HIM.

THE CHILD WAS MERELY A LINK CONNECTING HER TO THE MAN.

THAT BEAUTIFUL COLOR WAS FOR SOMEBODY ELSE!

I'VE SEEN THAT COLOR BEFORE.

OH...

VEEN

THAT COLOR ...

YOU STINK!

STAY AWAY FROM US!

THAT COLOR ...

YOU LITTLE RAT!

THAT COLOR ...

NOT THAT MURKY COLOR!

NO, MUM...

YOU...

WHP

SHF

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL...

MUM ...!

GRK

!!

...FREE YOU FROM THAT AWFUL COLOR.

I CAN...

KCH

GRK

KCH

KCH

URK...

...?!

...FEAR?

IS IT...

VMM VMM VMM

WHAT COLOR IS THIS ...?

...

...TAKING OVER HER ENTIRE BODY!

IT'S DROWNING OUT THE OTHER COLORS...

...THE BOY THOUGHT...

SEEING HIS MOTHER STAINED BY A COLOR HE'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE...

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL COLOR!"

BDMp

BDMP

BDMP

KTHK

KOFF

KOFF

SWAT

YOU LITTLE...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?!

OK

THIS IS... AMAZING!

OH, MUM!

GAH... EGH...

GAHK

URK...

THK THK

OWL

MUM!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

AH

YES...

I KNOW... ME TOO, MUM...

GAHK

GAHK

YES...

HUG

BONNG

I LOVE YOU TOO...

BONNG

LATER THAT NIGHT...

WHO ARE YOU?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

KREEK

HUH?

JACK SMITH

MR. JACK SMITH?

ARE YOU JACK?

HA HA... YOU SCARED ME.

...ONE OF MY FANS!

Y-YOU MUST BE...

I HAVE MONEY... DON'T DO ANY-THING RASH!

JUST STAY CALM!

WHMP

THMP

YIKES!

...

A-ARE YOU HERE TO ROB ME?!

TMP

"THE FAULT, DEAR BRUTUS, IS NOT IN OUR STARS..."

"...BUT IN OUR-SELVES!"

WHAT? YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE IT?!

THAT'S SHAKE-SPEARE!

HUH ...?

...!

GASP

Y- YOU'RE ...!

IT WAS IN ONE OF THE BOOKS YOU LEFT BEHIND...

...FATHER.

THMP

THE BOY...

...KILLED THE MAN HE PRESUMED WAS HIS FATHER.

KCHNK

...AND DISAP-PEARED.

THEN HE WALKED INTO THE BUSY STREETS OF LONDON...

...THE WORLD'S LARGEST CITY AT THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY ...

JUST AS THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WAS LIGHTING UP THAT CITY OF THREE MILLION...

SKRK

SKRK

SKRK

SKRK

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...FAIR LADY.

MY...

...IT WAS ALSO GIVING BIRTH TO THE FOULEST DARKNESS IN HUMAN HISTORY.

MY...

...FAIR LADY.

PHEW

...WHEN WE ARE CONSUMED BY FEAR...

HOWEVER... AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH...

...COEXIST WITHIN US WHILE WE'RE ALIVE.

ALL SORTS OF EMOTIONS...

MUTTER

MUTTER

...PURE. UNDILUTED.

ONLY THEN DO WE FEEL AN EMOTION THAT IS...

...A TRULY BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.

IT IS...

...I WON'T BE COLORED BY FEAR!

HEH

SORRY, BUT EVEN IF I DO DIE...

...

THE ONLY THING I FEAR...

...IS INJUSTICE!

FU

SH

KR

AK

KING

KRING

JACK ONCE AGAIN TRIES TO USE PROJECTILES TO KEEP HIS DISTANCE FROM HERACLES.

ZUSH

!!

TMP

BUT NOW HE'S BACKED UP AGAINST A WALL!

THWAK!!

BONNG

BONNG

GONNG

HFF

HFF

THE BELLS...

...SOUND YOUR FUNERAL.

SHNK

RRR RGH ...

FOONT

KRM

BL

!!

AH!

...

CHOK

THERE GOES JACK'S INFAMOUS WIRE!

ZZZIP

WHOOSHAP

SKF SKF SKF SKF SKF

HE'S CLIMBING UP BIG BEN... HOLDING ON FOR DEAR LIFE!

HE BARELY ESCAPES THE FALL!

IT'S USE-LESS.

ZWF

HMPH ...

KA-DOOM

RRMM

!!

KRAK

KRAK

RRAKK

KIK KIK KIK

KLANK

KRIKKRIK

SLL

THIS...

...IS OVER.

SWING

THE SEVENTH LABOR

BWS

HHH

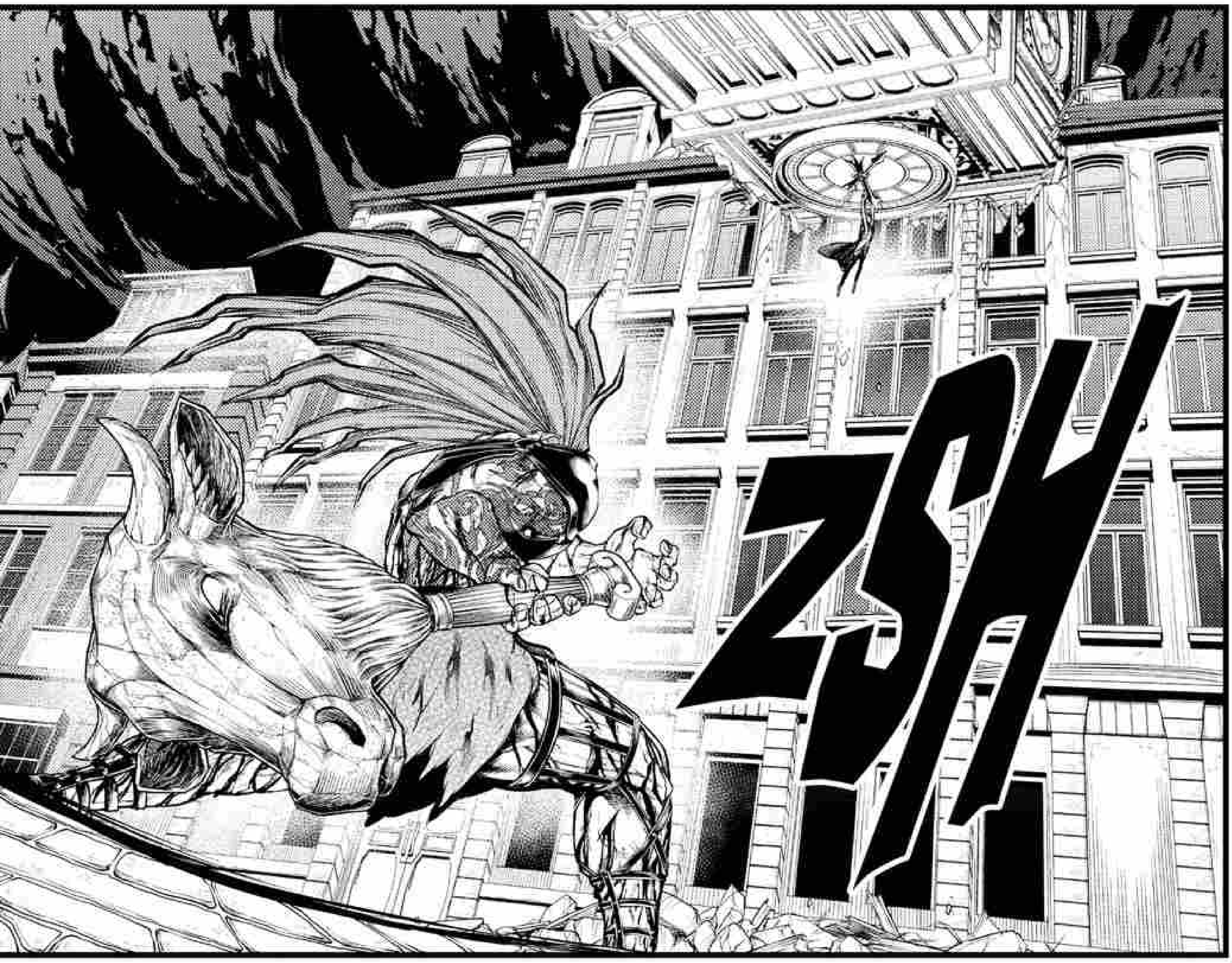
KRAK

KRIK

KRIK

SHNZ

THE CRETAN BULL: HOOVES OF THE ANGRY, UNBRIDLED BULL



KIK
KIK
NNGH ...
WHAT WILL EMERGE FROM IT THIS TIME? IS THIS THE END FOR JACK THE RIPPER?!
!!
AS HERACLES SWINGS HIS CLUB BACK, IT CHANGES INTO THE SHAPE OF A BULL!

WSH

SNAP

OOM

...JACK HURLS THE CLOCK FACE!

WHOA! DESPERATE TO FEND OFF HERACLES ...

I TOLD YOU ALREADY, DIDN'T I? IT'S USELESS!

ZWSH

SWF

フルスピード

YOU'VE TOLD ME.

...!

!

!

INDEED ...

SO... HOW DOES THAT FEEL?

MANY TIMES.

GR

IN

MY FAIR LADY.

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